

By the Quene



The Quenes Maiestie perceyueth that notwithstanding her commaundement lately publyshed for the ceasing of certayne bayne and vntrue reportes touching a decry of monyes, yet the same continue styll, appoynting the same to be done from one market day to another, wherof arryseth great trouble amongst the people, and increase of the prices of all maner thinges both forrayne and natural, and specially of graine and other victuell: and for that her Maiestie thinketh that aswell some simple people of doubtfulness and without euill meanyng do geue occasion to the continuance of the sayde rumours, as the greedy and cursed sorte do to make an vnordinate gayne of theyr wares, grayne, bestiall, and other victuell, thynkyng nothing enough for theyr insatiable & vnnmerciful greedines. For remedy thereof both to content the one, and to resourme the other, her Maiestie doth plainely and sincerely declare to all maner her subiectes, that these foresayd rumours and reportes be vntrue, and that her Maiestie doth not determine to alter or decrye her monyes. And this her Maiestie woulde the honest sort of her subiectes to accept for truth, and as to thother whose greedinesse or curiositie wyl not allow nor permit credit to be geuen to this her Maiesties Proclamation: Her Maiestie straightly chargeth all maner her ministers to see all such as shal after this Proclamation publyshed and notified, by any meanes set forth any contrary report or speech, to be attached and emprisoned, and so to remayne without bayle or mainpryse duryng the space of three full monethes: and beyng therof duely conuicted, to be set openly byppon the pylloze as persons that haue spredde sedicious rumours, and not to be deliuered buttill he or they shal haue founde sufficient assurance of good abearyng. And yf any person shalbe conuicted to haue harde any other so offending, and haue not enformed therof the next Justice of peace with conuenient spede: the same person also to be committed to prison duryng one moneth, as one that hath wylfully mayntayned a sedicious person, and to be further punished at the discretion of the Justice that shal so commit hym. Finally her Maiestie wylleth the Justices of peace in euery shire of this Realme, and other her ministers in all towncs Corporate, to consulte together, not only amongst them selues, but also with other Justices and officers of other shires thereto adioyning, for the furniture of markets with victuell and grayne, for victuellers and other poore people, as the season of the yere requireth. And yf any sort shal wylfully and fraudulently holde by or enhance the accustomed prices of any maner of thyng contrary to reason and good cause: her Maiestie woulde that the Justices of peace and all Bailiys and other officers aswel within liberties as without, shoulde apply them selues to resourme the same, as to good order in such cases is requisite. And if the enormitie of the offendour shal seme so to require, to sende by the offendour to her priue counsell, to receaue such further punishment as shalbe in reason deuised for the same. And yf the sayde Justices and other ministers shal not therein vse the aucthoritie to them commytted for the appoynte of suche vnordinate extremities, her Maiestie wyl not fayle but haue regarde thereto, and see theyr defaults in that behalfe supplied by seuerer punishment, as in such weyghtte cases reason and order requireth.

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God saue the Queene.

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